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PROCEDURE PURSUANT TO
37 CFR § 1.116**

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is requested. After entry of this amendment, claims 33-36, 38 and 40-43 (a total of nine (9) claims) are pending in the application. Claims 18, 19, 21, 23-32, 37 and 39 are canceled (claims 1-17, 20 and 22 were previously canceled).

In the final office action dated February 23, 2005, the examiner rejects claims 18, 19, 23-32 and 39 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention; and rejects claim 37 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Graefe (U.S. Pat. No. 5,822,747). The examiner allows claims 33-36, 38 and 40-43.

Claim Amendments

Applicant has canceled all claims except those noted as allowed by the examiner (i.e., claims 33-36, 38 and 40-43), Applicant requests entry of the above amendments solely to expedite prosecution of the application.

Applicant respectfully traverses the examiner's rejection of claims 18, 19, 23-32 and 39 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and the examiner's rejection of 37 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Graefe (U.S. Pat. No. 5,822,747), and will continue prosecution of these claims in a continuing application. Applicant asserts that the above amendments place the application in condition for allowance; thereby providing that the amendment be entered after final.

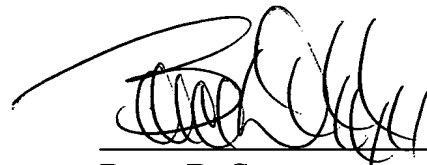
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CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, applicant submits that pending claims 33-36, 38 and 40-43 are allowable, the application is in condition for allowance, and requests that the examiner issue an early notice of allowance. The examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney in the event that a telephone interview will advance prosecution of this application.

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